

**Race Matters Series
MultiCultural Center**

Little Hope, Little Change: African Americans and Their Discontent in the Age of Obama



Clarence Lusane

This talk will focus on the nature of American racial politics and policies during the Obama presidency and beyond. Why has President Barack Obama largely failed to address longstanding racial disparities? What has been the role of conservative political resistance? What opportunities has the Obama administration missed? Is there a place for the black community to challenge the President?

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